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FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

JANUARY 14, 1970

AS YOU MAY KNOW THRU STATE CHANNELS, THREE MEMBERS OF MY STAFF WILL BE ARRIVING IN SAIGON ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 13TH TO SPEND TWO WEEKS IN-COUNTRY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSING THE SITUATION FOR THE PRESIDENT. MY ASSISTANT, BRIGADIER GENERAL HAIG HAS BEEN ASKED TO CONVEY A PERSONAL MESSAGE OF ASSURANCE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT THIEU. THEREFORE, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD ARRANGE A BRIEF MEETING BETWEEN HIM AND PRESIDENT THIEU.

SINCE THE GROUP PLANS TO SPEND ONLY JANUARY 19 IN SAIGON, AN APPOINTMENT ON THAT DATE WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT. HOWEVER, GENERAL HAIG WILL OF COURSE BE PREPARED TO MODIFY HIS ITINERARY IN ANY WAY THAT YOU CONSIDER APPROPRIATE TO MEET THE CONVENIENCE OF PRESIDENT THIEU. I HAVE ALSO ASKED GENERAL HAIG TO PROVIDE YOU WITH AN UPDATE OF OUR LATEST THINKING HERE WHICH HE WILL BE PREPARED TO GIVE YOU ON MONDAY, JANUARY 19, OR AT ANY OTHER TIME DURING HIS STAY WHICH WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR YOU.

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